



FireWatch

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The following is a consolidated report of state operations and fire activity in Santa Barbara County. Information in this report is gathered from state and county offices of emergency services. Some information may not be verified.

GENERAL REPORT:

The Santa Barbara County phone line for evacuation information has ceased operation. It will remain in stand-by status and will re-open, if needed. For up-to-date information about evacuation status, visit www.countyofsb.org. The Forest Service, in conjunction with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, is investigating the cause of the Gap Fire. Please call the 24-hour "tip line" at (805) 961-5710 if you have any information about this fire.

EXTENT OF DAMAGE:

- * Total Acres Burned to Date: 9,443 acres
- * Structures Destroyed: 4
- * Structures threatened: 251
- * Fatalities and Injuries: 6 injuries
- * Percent Contained: 55%

SUMMARY: Fire activity was minimal today due to favorable weather. Cloud cover moderated fire behavior. Acreage decrease reported again today due to more accurate mapping. Mop up along Camino Cielo West Road up to the Winchester Gun Club continued, including along power lines. On-going air support was provided today but no retardant was utilized. Crews will continue working to keep the fire north of structures and subdivisions. Crews will also continue prep work along the dozer line from the north to Condor Peak. A MANDATORY evacuation remains in effect for West Camino Cielo west of the Windermere Ranch to the actual fire area. All other area evacuations have been downgraded to evacuation warnings or lifted completely. According to Southern California Edison, the threat to power lines has decreased and they do not appear to be immediately threatened.

FIRE ASSISTANCE:

*The American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter, has put its Emergency Shelter at San Marcos High School on standby status. If the need arises, the shelter will be opened again and can be done so in a matter of minutes. Those in need of emergency housing due to Gap Fire evacuations are asked to call the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter at 687-1331.

* Evacuation of large animals (horses and livestock) is being handled by the Santa Barbara County Animal Services. For further information call 805-681-4332.

ROAD CLOSURES:

All national forest lands south of Highway 154 and East Camino Cielo between Gibraltar Road and Refugio Road are closed to public entry. The area will remain closed until the Gap Fire is suppressed. The closure prohibits all public entry to national forest lands, trails, roads and recreation sites. The closure does not apply to private land. The closure does not affect Highway 154, East Camino Cielo Road, Gibraltar Road or Refugio Road.

RESOURCES:

RADIO: FM Stations- KCSB—91.9 KSPE—94.5 (Spanish) KSYV—96.7 KTYD—99.9 KSBL—101.7 KRAZ—105.9 KIST—107.7 (Spanish) San Marco Pass Radio 1040—AM, KTMS—990 KUHL—1410 KZSB—1290 KINF—1440 **TV:** Residents are advised to stay alert for additional information by listening to County Government cable TV station Channel 20.

- California Department of Emergency Services- www.oes.ca.gov
- CAL FIRE- www.fire.ca.gov
- Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services – (805) 681-5195
www.countyofsb.org/
- InciWeb-<http://165.221.39.44/incident/1384/>
- Los Padres NF Fire Information Center: (805) 961-5770 (7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m)
- California State Warning Center: (916) 845-8911

GAP FIRE PERIMETER MAP (CLICK ON MAP TO ENLARGE)

Courtesy of Santa Barbara County Fire Department

